

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0481

Title: Create main street program

Primary Sponsor: Lindeen, M

Status: As Amended in House Committee

Sponsor signature

Date

David Ewer, Budget Director

Date

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund		
Revenue:		
General Fund		
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:		

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Commerce (DOC)

1. HB 481 establishes a Main Street program in the Department of Commerce to be developed in conjunction with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The purposes of the program are enumerated in Section 1(2) of the bill.
2. HB 481 as amended removes the appropriation. If HB 481 is passed and approved by the legislature and the Governor without an appropriation, it is the Department of Commerce's intention to work with the Montana Economic Developers Association, the League of Cities & Towns, and the Certified Regional Development Corporations to perform the following functions:
 - a. Contract with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to provide one or more training events in Montana to train interested individuals from the different regions and communities in Montana on the basic aspects of the Main Street program.
 - b. This network of trained individuals will become the practical experts in helping communities in their region understand, organize, and pursue Main Street activities.
 - c. Potential funding for this training could come from the participants, or from some funding in HB 249. HB 249 will create an economic trust fund within the Coal Tax Trust should it be adopted. Community revitalization is an eligible activity for the Certified Regional Development Corporations to undertake with some of the funding provided for in HB 249. This of course is

Fiscal Note Request HB0481, As Amended in House Committee

(continued)

entirely dependent on the priorities that are adopted by the Certified Regional Development Corporations for their region.

- d. Montana communities that choose to use the Main Street model for community revitalization will be provided with assistance within the network of trained individuals in Montana and can further pursue project development by working with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- e. There will not be an FTE in the Department of Commerce to coordinate and operate the Main Street program since there is no funding in the bill.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

- 1. If HB 249 does not pass, it would be very difficult to provide any training for the Main Street program in Montana.